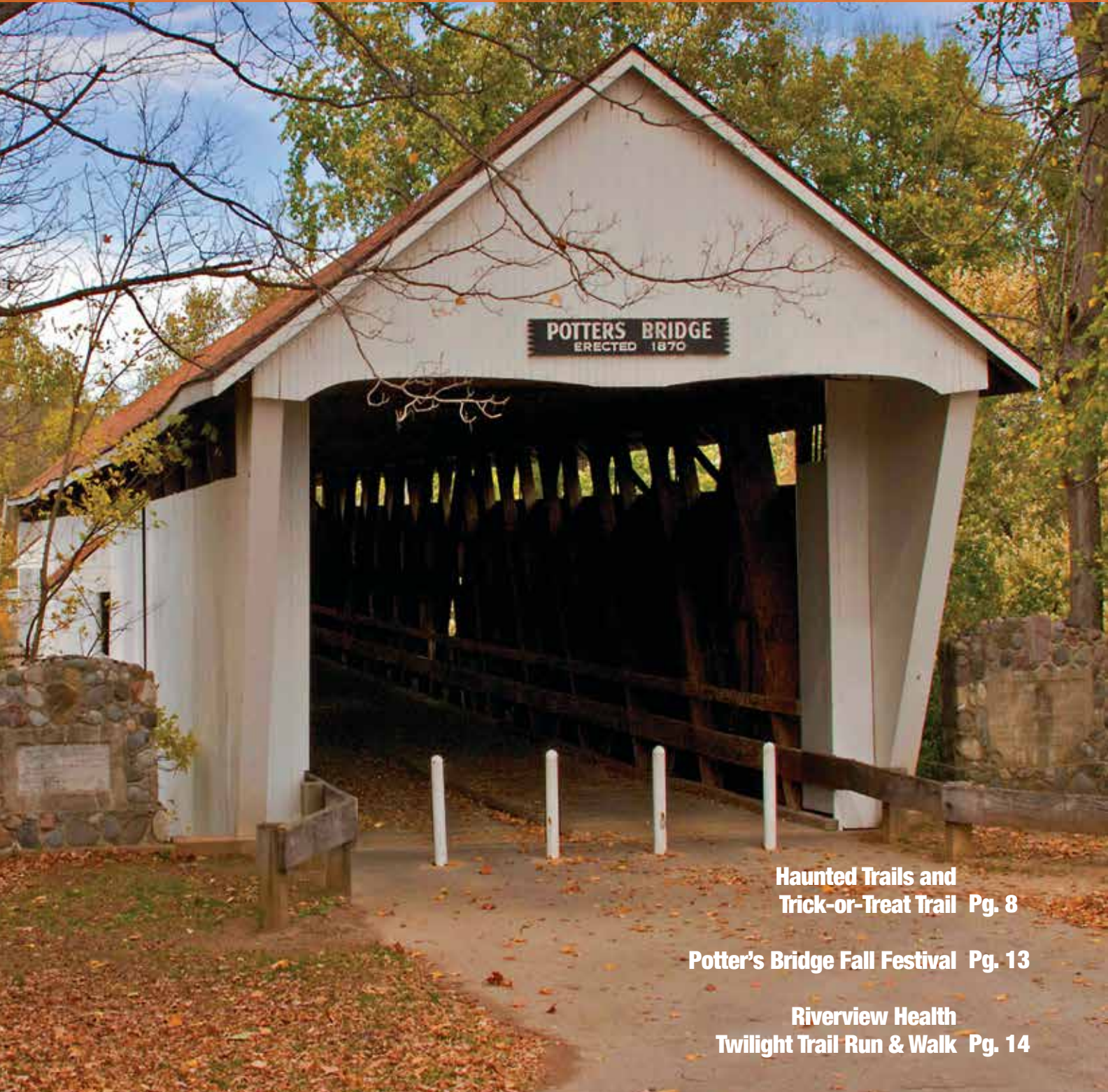




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Mission Statement

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department shall exist to serve the leisure and recreational needs of the residents and tourists of the county. We will strive to be the leader in providing well-maintained, high-quality passive parks and facilities, excellent programs and services, and the preservation of greenspace to enhance the quality of life in the county.

Park Board Meetings

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, except holidays. They are held at 7 p.m. in the Cool Creek Nature Center auditorium, located at 2000-1 East 151st Street, Carmel, IN 46033. The meetings are open to the public.

Park Hours

All parks operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation are open 365 days a year from dawn to dusk. Some sections of the park may be closed due to special events, shelter reservations or flooding. Please refer to *The Chatterbox* or call the administrative office.

On the cover:

The historic covered bridge located in Potter's Bridge Park, Noblesville, Indiana, serves as the perfect backdrop for the annual Potter's Bridge Fall Festival. Details on page 13.

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Greetings and welcome to the July – October 2014 edition of *The Chatterbox Leisure Guide*.

We have made it half way through another Midwest summer! I think the long winter followed by a pretty much non-existent spring has made this summer seem to fly by. This is always an interesting time of year in our profession. Park staff are pushing to get all the summer activities and programs in; events like: Cool Creek Concerts “In Concert with Nature”, Collision Cure Vintage Vehicle Expo and Race Across Hamilton County. At the same time, we are feverishly planning our absolutely packed fall schedule with great events and programs like: Archaeology Month, Riverview Health Twilight Trail Run and Walk, Coxhall Concerts in the Centerpiece, and Haunted Trails. These are just to name a few. The following pages are packed with information and details outlining the many quality activities that your park department has planned for your enjoyment.



In the number of events I listed above, I hope you noticed the Collision Cure and Riverview Health references. Both are valued title sponsors that are instrumental in making these events possible. Please keep these community-minded partners in mind when addressing your daily needs. You might notice many of our programs and events have no title sponsors listed. The absence of a title sponsor represents a financial challenge to us, but a marketing opportunity for you or your company. Whether your business objectives include advancing your company’s marketing initiatives or extending its community outreach efforts, I invite you to leverage our park resources in order to achieve your strategic goals. To learn how our agency can serve as an extension of your marketing team, I encourage you to contact Resource Development Specialist, Don Nicholls. Don is committed to creating mutually beneficial partnerships for all of our park partners. He can be reached at 317-770-4404 or don.nicholls@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Summer seems to pass by all too quickly, so don’t miss your opportunity to get out and enjoy nature and be sure to mark some of the events and programs I have mentioned on your calendars. We are working hard to create some wonderful memories for you.

See you in the parks!

Al Patterson

Allen W. Patterson, CPRP, CPSI

Director, Hamilton County
Department of Parks and Recreation

Solar Panels at the Cool Creek Nature Center Update

View the energy generated by our solar panels on the roof of the Cool Creek Nature Center. Visit www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on the *Cool Creek Solar Panels* link!



Snapshot taken June 4, 2014. Data generated since September 2, 2010



Photo - courtesy Kim Clark

Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center!

Last year over 40,000 people visited the Nature Center! Our exhibits, which are all designed and created by our staff, change seasonally. Additionally, a free daily craft is offered every two weeks, scavenger hunts are available everyday, and the Wildlife Viewing Area and Greenhouse are also available. There is ALWAYS something new to explore at the Cool Creek Nature Center. While you are here, be sure to allow time for a nature hike and to stop at our popular playground! We hope you will make plans to visit us soon! For more information, please call us at 317-774-2500.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Cost: Free

PLEASE NOTE: Nature Center closed on: July 4 and September 1.

Summer Exhibit: Summer Sense-ations

There is nothing more sensational than summer! Our senses are on overload as we feel the heat, taste the ice cream, hear the fireworks, smell the cut grass, and feel the cool pool water! At the Nature Center will be adding to the list as we celebrate other SENSE-ATIONAL aspects of the season including hummingbirds, butterflies, lightning bugs, flowers, frogs, and other delightful creatures! Come inside, cool off, and enjoy exploring and learning about the amazing things that fill the summer sky, scent the summer air, and add musical fancy to this magical season!

Exhibit Ends: August 24

Pajama-Rama

Put on your cutest pair of pajamas, grab your favorite teddy bear, pack up an old blanket, and join us for Pajama-Rama! Families looking for a fun program to enjoy with their toddlers and preschoolers will love the Music Educator from Moriah Music who will lead us in songs and stories about some of our favorite animals.

Dates: August 8; September 5; October 3

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Ages: Best for families with children ages 1-7

Pre-registration: Is preferred,

call 317-774-2500 or email

cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Fall Exhibit: Autumn Attractions

Autumn is a beautiful time of year here in Hamilton County! The Nature Center is celebrating the season with an exhibit featuring some of the most remarkable aspects of autumn. Discover the secrets behind leaves changing colors and the amazing journey Monarch butterflies begin this time of year.

Exhibit Begins: October 6

Where are the Butterflies?

Join retired entomologist John Thieme for a program about Indiana butterflies. John will share his knowledge about them in a fast moving and interesting slide show. He will highlight what has been happening to butterflies over the years and what we can do to help. John has been fascinated with butterflies for over 50 years and has much to share. This will be a timely talk with butterfly populations peaking right now this summer. Come hear about these beloved and beautiful creatures!

Date: Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults and older children

Location: CCNC

Summer Nature Programs

Nature Programs

Hey kids! Here's your chance to explore the great outdoors at Cool Creek Park. There will be nature-related exploration, crafts, and puppet shows during these one-hour programs. Pre-registration is required and is available by phone at the Cool Creek Nature Center or e-mail. Required registration information includes name child and age of child and the program title and time. Additional information will be distributed upon registration confirmation. Children can only attend each topic once. A limited number of spaces are available, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Times:

10:00-11:00 am

12:00-1:00 pm

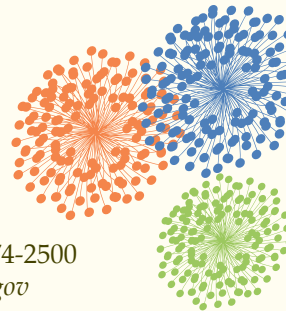
2:00- 3:00 pm

Ages: 3-10

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2500 or cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC



Squirrels / July 1

Squirrels love to hop, skip and jump like crazy as they search for food, build dens and play. Come and join us as we "go nuts" squirrel style.



Creek Stomp / July 2

Let's beat the heat and play in the creek. Our staff will provide a wonderfully wet program for all! Feel free to bring your own net and bucket- or borrow one of ours!

Bees and wasps / July 3

These critters may come with a sting, but they offer one of the sweetest things on Earth. Come and see what the buzz is about.



A River Runs through US: Exhibit about the importance of the White River

Most of us do not spend a lot of time thinking about the river or realize the significance this river has to our county and state. Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center as we host an exhibit about the White River in correlation with the Upper White River Watershed Alliance's (UWRWA) White River Festival. Our exhibit will feature information about our watershed, the threats to it, the wildlife species which depend on it, and steps that we can each take to protect it.

Exhibit Runs: September 2-September 30

HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION'S



2014

Cool Creek Park Vintage Vehicle Expo

Enjoy classic vehicles, fun entertainment and exciting giveaways...wheel fun for everyone.

Date: Saturday, August 9 • Noon – 3:30 pm

Cost: Free to the public **Location:** Cool Creek Park*

*Entrants sign in at Collision Cure in Westfield - 9:00 am - Noon

If you have a classic vehicle you'd be proud to display at this show, contact 317-770-4400 or visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com for registration information.



317.770.4400

Cool Creek Camp fires

Join us around the Cool Creek campfire ring for songs, presentations, and marshmallows. Cindy Baney, music educator with Moriah Music, will start the evening off with music. Special speakers will then entertain guests each week with topics about snakes, birds, turtles, and more. Hang out with your family and friends during these special Wednesday evenings. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

Dates: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 7:00pm

Location: CCP (North-side of the park)

All American Animals / July 2

Celebrate our country's birthday a day early with Coyote Chris of Silly Safaris. Animals that get us excited about our independence will be featured!

Birds of Prey / July 9

Take Flight Wildlife Education's Mark Booth will be bringing several birds of prey to share with the audience. Hawks, Owls, and Kestrels are just a few of the amazing birds that prey on small animals and examples of what Booth will have for the audience!

Hedgehog Hannah / July 16

Carmel's own, Hedgehog Hannah, will visit our campfire ring and bring some of her favorite critters along! The show will teach about the importance of researching before adding a new pet to the family and the why it is important to keep wild animals wild!

Snakes with Ed-THE BIG ONES / July 23

Ed will be bringing lots of snakes to show the audience. He will dispel many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

Surviving Summer with ANIMALIA / July 30

In the heat of the summer, survival can be challenging for many animals as they deal with difficult conditions such as increased temperatures and protected resources such as water and territory. Find out how animals stay cool and see if they have what it takes to be a survivor.

Park Programs

Family Nature Club - Explore nature with your children



Do you want to get your kids outside to experience nature? Join us as we will explore nature together. The whole family can hit the trail, exploring and sharing our finds! The Club will start inside the Cool Creek Nature Center.

Dates:

Sunday, August 10 - All about Trees

Sunday, September 14 - Butterflies are on the Move!

Sunday, October 12 - Let's Build a Fort

Time: 3:00 pm

Pre-registration: No

Location: CCNC



PreSchool Gathering - Nature kids!



Bring the little ones and join us as we get to know nature! Parents stay with their children and explore alongside them! After a little circle time and craft inside, the group will head outside to explore! We will try to get outside rain or shine; so dress for the weather! Spending time in nature makes kids happier, healthier, and smarter!

Dates: Thursday, July 17- Creek Stomping

Thursday August 21 - Nature Treasure box

Thursday, September 11- Follow the Butterflies!

Thursday, October 9 - Trees, let's play in the leaves!

Time: 10:30 am

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling, 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Home-School Hike



Bring your homeschoolers to Cool Creek Park to learn about Indiana nature and get out for a hike. We will explore the habitats of the park.

Dates: Thursday, August 28 - Creek Stomping

Thursday, September 11- All about Backpacking

Thursday, October 16 - All about Trees!

Time: 1:00 pm

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling, 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Cool Creek Story-time

Families can cool-off on the carpet inside the Nature Center during nature inspired story-time.

Dates: Tuesday, July 1 and 15
Tuesday, August 5 and 19
Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, October 21

Time: 11:00 am

Ages: Children 4 - 6

Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling, 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: CCNC

Naturalist-led Tour at Coxhall Children's Garden

Take a tour of the Children's Garden located at Coxhall Gardens with a Naturalist and discover the inspiration behind this magical little spot. All sorts of ideas went into designing this play area and our Naturalist will let you in on the story as we walk around and "play" in the area. This program will meet at the entrance of the Children's Garden.

Dates: Thursday, July 17
Thursday, August 14
Thursday, September 4
Thursday, October 16

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ages: Parents and their children

Location: Coxhall Gardens



Indiana Young Birders Annual Conference

The Indiana Young Birders Club will be holding its second annual conference at the Cool Creek Nature Center. The conference will feature speakers from the Indiana Young Birders Club as well as our Keynote Speaker, Olivia Boudier, author of *Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf*. If you would like more information, please check the website www.indianayoungbirders.org.

Date: Saturday, August 23

Time: 8:00 am

Pre-registration: is required. Cost \$10 for Students, \$20 for Adults, includes lunch, Children under 8: Free.

Location: CCNC



Re-boo! Re-wear! Re-Scare!

A Costume Swap



Join us for our Halloween costume swap! Bring an unwanted costume or costume accessory and SWAP it for another one. This is a great way to reuse costumes that no longer fit and save money at the same time!

Please note the following:

- Please only bring costumes that are clean and in good condition.
- Any make-up/face paint donated must be sealed/unused.
- If you are unable to find a re-used costume you would like to swap for, you may donate your costume or reclaim your original costume- if it has not already been claimed by someone else.
- Feel free to donate costumes without swapping!
- For more information, please contact us at 317-774-2500.

Dates: Saturday, October 11
Saturday, October 18

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Location: CCNC



Indiana Bluebird Society's Annual Meeting

The Indiana Bluebird Society will be holding its annual fall conference at the Cool Creek Nature Center. This free conference will feature guest speakers and a roundtable discussion concerning bluebirds. Lunch will be on your own, or bring a dish to share! Anyone who is interested in the preservation of bluebirds and would like to learn more are welcome. You don't have to be a member to participate, and pre-registration is not required. If you would like more information, please check the website Indianabluebirdsociety.org or call the Nature Center at 317-774-2500.

Date: Saturday, November 1

Time: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Location: CCNC

Haunted Trails

Make your way through the “boo-tiful” woods of Cool Creek Park for our annual Haunted Trails Halloween event! Ghouls and goblins are lurking at every turn and waiting for you to arrive. Trail not recommended for kids under 12, but there will be lots of non-scary activities for the little ones in the Trick-or-Treat Trail - a campfire, free hayrides and more!

Dates: October 28-30 • **Time:** 7:00-10:00 pm • **Location:** CCP
Cost: \$5 per person

Trick-or-Treat Trail!

Our young visitors will trick-or-treat their way through this spooky, yet age appropriate event.

- Craft stations
- Not-so-scary Nature Trail
- Spook-tacular shelter
- Live Owls with a Wildlife Educator
- Monster Mash Dance area
- Marshmallows at the campfire ring

Dates: October 28-30 • **Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm • **Location:** CCP
Ages: Preschool and elementary-aged school children and their families
Cost: \$1.00



Looking to SCARE up Some Funds?

We are seeking individuals and groups that want to raise money for their community organization by volunteering at Haunted Trails. Call 317-774-2509 or email volunteer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov for complete volunteer opportunity details.

Bring a non-perishable or canned food item to donate to Amanda Strong Food for the Needy.



Creepy Critters

Snakes, tarantulas, and scorpions can give anyone a creepy-crawly feeling! Snakehead Ed isn't afraid of them! He will be sharing these critters with guests and busting many of the myths people have about these fascinating creatures.

Date: Thursday, October 23
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children
Location: CCNC

Have No Fear Animal Show-Fall Break

Are you a little freaked out by spiders, bats, snakes, or bugs? Well a little education about these cool critters can go a long way to help quell the fears that many of us have. Animalia will have several live animals and lots of information for the audience!

Date: Thursday, October 24
Time: 1:00 pm
Ages: Best for school-aged children
Location: CCNC



Community Seed Day

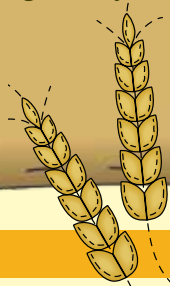
If you are looking for some neat landscaping ideas using native Indiana plants, you and your family will not want to miss Community Seed Day! Guests will be encouraged to collect seeds from the prairie habitat and the native flower beds to use in their landscaping at home. Instructions on seed collecting will be given by, a Naturalist.

Date: Saturday, October 11
Time: 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Location: CCP/CCNC

Fall's Fruits and Leaves

Have you seen the “Indiana Banana,” tasted a native persimmon, or smelled the leaves of the Spicebush. Come join us as we feel, smell, and see Indiana's treasures of the fall! After the presentation we will go on a hike to look for these treasures in the woods. Dress for the weather.

Dates: Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm at CCNC
Ages: 6-16
Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 pm at the SKP/TCNH
Ages: School-aged children to adults
Pre-registration: Is preferred by calling, 317-774-2500 or email: cool.naturecenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov



Bird Hikes



Beginning Bird Hikes

Bird-watching is enjoyed by over 50 million Americans! Many people watch birds from their feeders, but many of us stroll the trails hoping to catch a glimpse at them! Some of the most beautiful birds in the world live or migrate through central Indiana and most of them don't frequent feeders! From American Robins to Scarlet Tanagers, we will try and find them all! Tips on binoculars, field guides, gear, and identification will keep the conversation lively as we look! You may begin anytime during the season and come as often as you like. Don't forget your binoculars!

Cool Creek Park: These hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park; past the Nature Center.

Dates: July 6, 9, 16, 20, 23, 30; August 3, 13, 17, 20, 27, 31; September 10, 14, 17, 24, 28; October 8, 12, 15, 22, 26, 29

Time: 8:30-10:00 am

Days: Wednesday and every other Sunday

Strawtown Koteewi Park: These hikes will meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: July 2, August 6; September 3; October 1

Time: 8:30-10:00 am

Saturday Morning Fall Migration Bird Hikes

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their annual trip south this fall. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. Hurry! Some birds will not stay around long. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Don't forget your binoculars! Fall migration bird hikes meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park.

Dates: August 30; September 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 8:00-10:00 am

Location: CCP

Nesting Bird Hike

Join members of the Indiana Audubon Society and the Indiana Young Birders for an evening bird hike at Strawtown-Koteewi Park. The variety of habitats in the beautiful 750 acre park include riparian woods, wetlands, and prairies profuse with summer wildflowers and butterflies. The many nesting bird species include Red-headed Woodpecker, Dickcissel, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Great-crested Flycatcher, Cliff Swallow, Baltimore Oriole, Blue Grosbeak and several members of the sparrow family.

The hike will begin from the Riverside parking lot. This parking lot is located west of the main Strawtown Koteewi Park sign.

Dates: July 12 at 8:30 am

Location: SKP

Nature Hikes

Woodland Fall wildflower Hike

Walk the trails of Cool Creek Park with a Naturalist in search of fall wildflowers. We will explore both our prairie and forest habitats for these seasonal flowers. The group will discuss medicinal and edible attributes of the flowers as well as folklore that may be associated with them. This hike begins inside the Nature Center.

Date: Saturday, October 11

Time: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Location: CCP

White River is Migration Station!

Stroll the White River Greenway Trail at Potter's Bridge Park while we look for birds! Water attracts birds all year, but fall migration is an especially great time to be along the river looking for birds. Binoculars will be helpful,

but if you don't have them you can borrow some of ours. If the birding is slow, we will talk about native plants that birds depend on. We will meet in front of the Potter's Bridge.

Date: Saturday, September 6 at 4:00 pm

Location: PBP

Fall Colors Tree Hike

Amongst the beautiful backdrop of Potter's Bridge we will check out the fleeting beauty of fall. Our Naturalist will discuss fall colors, tree uses, and fact facts. This hike will meet in front of the bathrooms close to the opening of the bridge.

Date: Saturday, October 4 at 1:00 pm
(during the Fall Festival)

Ages: All

Location: PBP

Park Programs tcnh/skp

Taylor Center of Natural History at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The Taylor Center of Natural History is open daily! Visitors are invited to discover colorful local history that stretches thousands of years into the past. Artifacts recovered by professional archaeologists in previous excavations are on display in our exhibit room. Over eight miles of trails are open, so don't forget your hiking shoes and sense of adventure! Group tours or presentations can also be arranged by calling 317-984-5556 or 317-714-7144.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Taylor Center closed on: July 4 and September 1

Strawtown Enclosure - Native American Village Tours

Our interpretive staff will be conducting tours of the Strawtown Enclosure, a Native American village that was inhabited over 700 years ago. During these tours we will discuss the Native Americans who built and used the enclosure and see some of the artifacts recovered by archaeologists. The tours will begin inside the Taylor Center of Natural History and include a short stroll to the village site. For more information, please contact us at 317-984-5556.

Dates: Saturdays at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sundays at 2:00 - 3:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Tours will not be offered during September due to Archaeology Month



Ask a Fur Trader

Have you ever wondered what Indiana was like when it was a still a frontier and who some of the first Europeans may have been in Hamilton County? Step back to the 1700s and meet fur traders, and learn about what they do and how they do it. If you're interested, please call the Taylor Center of Natural History.

Dates: Sunday, July 20

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: TCNH/SKP

Ask an Expert- American Indian Artifact ID

Do you have some arrowheads, stone tools, or other Native American artifacts? Join Archaeologist Jim Mohow as he helps artifact collectors identify personal collection pieces. When possible, Mr. Mohow will share the dates and stories associated with these fascinating relics of the past and the people who used them.

Date: Saturday, July 12
Ages: Adults and older children
Location: TCNH/SKP
Time: 10:00 am



Native Games and Skills

Join us July 12 at the Taylor Center of Natural History for an afternoon of fun and learn something too! We will play Native American games, learn about some tools and artifacts found right here in the park, and even try our hands at throwing spears with the atlatl!

Date: Saturday, July 12
Time: 1:00-3:00 pm
Ages: Best for children 3rd grade and up
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylorcenter@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Location: TCNH

Harvesting and Seed Saving

Throughout the summer our Native American Educational Garden and the beautiful prairie around Strawtown Koteewi Park have been busy producing all sorts of delicious and useful plants. Now it is time to harvest and think about storing food for the winter and saving seeds for next year's garden. Please join us to help harvest our Three Sisters' Native American Educational Garden and help us prepare the harvest for winter storage. You will also learn how to prepare and save seeds for next years' garden. Additionally, we will have opportunities to collect and harvest seeds from our prairie. This is a great opportunity to learn about prairie plants and harvesting and saving seeds.

Date: Saturday, August 23
Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Ages: Best for older children and adults
Location: TCNH

Canning 101

Curious about canning your own produce, but nervous about taking the plunge? In this introductory class, we'll cover the basics of water bath canning, the simplest and most common canning method. Learn which foods



Historical Spooky Stories around a Bonfire

Step back in time to the early 1800's and listen to spooky tales straight from the pages of history. Join us for an evening with a master storyteller as he spins frightful tales around the campfire.

Date: Saturday, October 18
Time: 7-8:30 pm
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Location: TCNH/SKP

are appropriate for this food preservation method, and important guidelines for doing it safely at home. We'll walk through a complete preserves recipe from start to finish, and send you home ready to tackle this fun D.I.Y. project yourself. The class will be taught by Master Food Preserver and founder of Indy Food Swappers, Suzanne Krowiak. Suzanne is also a regular D.I.Y. food contributor to "Indy Style" on WISH-TV.

Date: Saturday, August 16
Time: 1:00 -3:00 pm
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email, christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Ages: Best for older children and adults
Location: TCNH



Very, Very Cold Case Files

The first recorded murder in Hamilton County took place in 1821 at Strawtown. In the early 1800's, Strawtown was a rough and tumble place and this murder still remains unsettled. Looking through early European settlement history, historian David Heighway discovered some interesting discrepancies involved with this murder. Join Hamilton County Historian David Heighway as we explore a few murders that took place early in Hamilton County's history.

Date: Saturday, October 11
Time: 1-2 pm
Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Location: TCNH

Park Programs tcnh/skp

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department: Archaeology Month Celebration

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Taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov / myhamiltoncountyparks.com

Our tradition of celebrating Indiana's Archaeology Month continues in 2014 at Strawtown Koteewi Park! We will host a variety of opportunities for groups and individuals alike! Our activities will bring to life the daily events of Strawtown Koteewi Park's original inhabitants by combining the research gleaned from 10+ years of archaeological investigations with historical and contemporary accounts of the life-ways of Indiana's Native peoples. Demonstrations will be paired with hands-on opportunities for visitors of all ages! The various activities are sure to engage all the senses while also educating our patrons about Native American culture and history!

Schedule your group today for a fun, educational experience! Group sizes and demographics

Our staff and partners will be conducting the aforementioned programs during select days during the last two weeks of September. Please call, 317-774-2501 to register soon in order to reserve space for your group.

Dates: September 16-27 (Tuesday-Saturday)

FREE

Pre-registration Required

For more information, please call 317-774-2501 or email Amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or check our website at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

Location: TCNH

Make Your Own Rain Barrel

Strawtown Koteewi Park is partnering with Hamilton County Soil and Water to bring this awesome opportunity to you and your family! Please join us at Strawtown Koteewi Park to assemble and paint your own full-size rain barrel to take home and utilize. Learn the benefits of having a rain barrel at home, as Hamilton County Soil and Water walks us through the steps in making one. All materials and supplies are included in workshop fees. You will leave the workshop with a functional and completed rain barrel.

Date: Saturday, August 9

Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Cost: \$70 (covers cost of barrel)

Ages: Best for families or adults

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: TCNH/SKP



Prehistoric Earth and Fire Pottery Workshop

The Taylor Center of Natural History welcomes back Erik Vosteen, Assistant Director of the Great Lakes Lifeways Institute, for two days of traditional pottery making and firing in celebration of Indiana's archaeology month. Join us the first day for an all day workshop where participants will construct their own traditional pottery vessel using hand dug "wild" clay as well as traditional tools and methods under Erik's guidance. Participants will then return the next week to ground fire their vessel to take home. This is a great program for anyone interested in ancient lifeways, pottery, or archaeology. Don't miss this opportunity to work with one of the best replica pottery specialists in the region. Space is limited, so sign up early! Registration closes September 1, 2014. Program is best for older children and adults.

Dates: Saturday, September 6 from 10:00am-4:00 pm (includes a 1 hour lunch break)

Saturday, September 13 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Ages: Best for adults, but all are welcome

Cost: \$45

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Location: TCNH

Native Fishing Tools and Techniques

Native people of Indiana relied heavily on fish for sustenance since at least the Early Archaic Period. In this program, participants will construct and use a variety of technologies aimed at procuring protein from the surrounding rivers and creeks. These include traps, spears and leisters, and a variety of hook and line styles. Fish cooking and preservation will also be explored. Prepare to get a bit wet!

Date: Saturday, September 20

Time: 12:30-4:30 pm

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Ages: Best for older children and adults

Location: TCNH



15th Annual Potter's Bridge Fall Festival

Enjoy a special autumn day at Potter's Bridge Park during the 15th annual Potter's Bridge Fall Festival. Listen to live music, visit the more than seventy artisans', crafts, and food booths, watch your little ones play in the KidZone, or simply take in the natural beauty of Noblesville's most scenic park on the White River Greenway Trail.

Date: Saturday, October 4

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: Free to the public, \$30 for 10x10 booth space*

Location: PBP

**Are you an arts and crafts vendor interested in selling your creations? To learn more about this unique vending opportunity or to register, call 317-770-4400 or visit the forms link on our website at myhamiltoncountyparks.com. Hurry, deadline is September 19, 2014.*

Nut Harvest and Processing

Before corn agriculture, Indiana's prolific crop of nuts provided a bounty for the area's inhabitants. Learn to process nuts, such as hickories, hazel nuts, and acorns, into delicious and sustaining food. Multiple cold and hot styles of processing acorns will be studied, as well as producing modern kitchen products. Not only were these fine foods in the past, but they will find a place in your home today. Species used will be dependent upon resources available at time of program, but an ample supply has been secured to guarantee that multiple products will be produced.

Date: Saturday, September 27

Time: 12:30-4:30 pm

Pre-registration: Yes, by calling 317-774-2574 or email christy.brocken@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Ages: Best for older children and adults

Location: TCNH

Koteewi Community Days

Koteewi Community Days will be held on Saturday, September 20 and Saturday, September 27 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. During these days registration is not required. Visitors will be able to tour the groups and sample our various programs in an open-house style!

Dates: September 20, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

September 27, 10:00am to 4:00 pm

FREE

Pre-registration: NOT required

For more information, please call 317-774-2574, email taylor.center@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or check our website at www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

Location: SKP

IU Health North Hospital's Day of Service Transforms Coxhall Gardens



North Hospital

At 5 a.m. on May 30th, Coxhall Gardens Park Manager Gary Knowlton arrived at his office in preparation for a one-day undertaking that would forever change the park. On that day, nearly one hundred of the two hundred dedicated volunteers from IU Health North Hospital's Day of Service – a statewide volunteer operation, joined with fifteen talented Hamilton



County Master Gardeners and twenty trained park employees to add features to the park that will be used by the community and visitors seeking healthy recreation, education and pure enjoyment. IU Health

North Hospital (IUHNH) volunteers, managed by associate Joy Graves-Rust, came prepared and eager to work. And work they did. In a six-hour time span, the volunteers, including IUHNH's President and Chief Executive Officer Jon Goble, master gardeners and park staff accomplished the herculean task of installing three bicycle racks and one innovative bicycle maintenance station, planting 1,294 annuals, 158 perennials, 95 shrubs, and 4 trees in the park's exciting new ABC Garden, spreading 3,240 cubic feet of mulch and setting 56 informational and handicap parking signs at numerous sites throughout the park. Meanwhile, volunteers on site at IUHNH, as part of the hospital's Day of Service program, had already constructed 10 bat boxes for use at the park and painted nearly 50 flower pots that will be sold, with proceeds benefiting Hamilton County Parks.



Dedicated IU Health North Hospital employees, including President and CEO Jon Goble, showed they weren't afraid to get their hands dirty for a good cause.

At day's end, participants left feeling tired and a bit gritty, but gratified knowing the result of all the hard work would serve to encourage more trips to the park for bicycling, visits to the ABC Garden and the opportunity to spend quality recreational time in one of Hamilton County's most enjoyed parks – Coxhall Gardens.

Hamilton County Parks wishes to thank Joy Davis with IUHNH, for her partnership decision, and ALL the selfless volunteers from IU Health North Hospital and Hamilton County Master Gardeners for their outstanding service!



TWILIGHT TRAIL RUN & WALK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Riverview Health, is staging its annual Twilight Trail Run & Walk on Saturday, September 27th. The competitive 5-mile run/fun walk event will once again take place on the beautiful grounds of Strawtown Koteewi Park. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase and free entertainment and activities will be provided throughout the event. The evening will culminate with awards being presented to the top finishers following completion of the run/walk.

Date: September 27, 4:00-8:00 pm

Time: Onsite registration begins at 3:00 pm,
run/walk begins at 5:30 pm

Cost: \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of event

For event details, call 317-770-4400 or
visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com



*Proceeds from this event benefit
Friends of Hamilton County Parks and
its efforts to maintain and develop
Strawtown Koteewi Park.*



TWO CONCERTS REMAINING!



FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM

COOL CREEK PARK, 2000 EAST 151ST STREET, CARMEL/WESTFIELD

ADULTS - \$5 12 & UNDER - FREE

July 11

ESB

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July 18

My Yellow
Rickshaw

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Hamilton County Parks and Recreation would
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1. Administrative Office 15513 S. Union Street, Carmel																							(317) 770-4400
2. Bray Family Homestead Park (BFHP) 4528 Sheridan Ave, Noblesville																	●	●					(317) 770-4400
3. Cool Creek Park (CCP) 2000 E. 151 st Street, Carmel					●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●		(317) 774-2500
4. Coxhall Gardens (CHG) 116th Street & Towne Road, Carmel			●		●			●	●						●	●	●	●			●		(317) 774-2582
5. Geist Park (GP) 10979 Florida Road, Fortville			●	●		●	●	●	●							●	●				●		(317) 770-4400
6. Lafayette Trace Park (LTP) 15796 E. Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●												●							(317) 770-4400
7. Morse Park & Beach (MPB) 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●						(317) 770-4400
8. Potter's Bridge Park (PBP) 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville			●	●		●	●	●	●					●	●	●	●						(317) 770-4400
9. River Road Park (RRP) 12575 River Road, Carmel			●	●				●	●					●	●	●	●				●		(317) 770-4400
10. Riverwood Canoe Landing (RCL) 20814 Riverwood Ave, Noblesville			●	●																			(317) 770-4400
11. Rookery Preserve (RP) 25440 Scherer Ave, Arcadia																●							(317) 770-4400
12. Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP) 12308 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville			●	●										●	●	●	●		●		●		(317) 774-2574
13. White River Campground (WRCG) 11299 E. 234 th Street, Cicero	●		●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●					●			(317) 770-4430

NOW OPEN!





White River Campground

Operating Dates: Now - October 31, 2014

Location: 11299 East 234th Street, Cicero, IN 46034

Amenities:

- 100 modern campsites
- 7 primitive campsites
- water, electric & sewer hook-ups
- camp store, includes bait and tackle
- recreation room
- restrooms/shower facility
- laundry facility
- playground
- picnic shelter
- White River access
- WiFi

Reservations are accepted 365 days in advance. Please call 317-770-4430 to make your reservation... today!

CAMPSITE / FACILITY	DAILY		WEEKLY	
	Hamilton County	Out of County	Hamilton County	Out of County
Full Hook-up	\$25	\$30	\$130	\$150
Electric and Water	\$20	\$25	\$120	\$130
Primitive Site	\$15	\$20	\$100	\$120
Day Visitor	FREE	FREE	/	/
Recreation Room Rental	\$60	\$80	/	/
Shelter House Rental	\$60	\$80	/	/
Boat Launch	\$3	\$5	/	/
Dump Station	\$5	\$8	/	/

Family Fun Times!

AT WHITE RIVER CAMPGROUND

Throughout the 2013 season, White River Campground will offer quality entertainment and activities that are designed to add to the enjoyment of the camping experience for the entire family!

For specific details regarding the following campground events and programming, please call 317-770-4430.

July 5 / July 4th Entertainment

July 19 / Magic Show - Crafts - Nature Tour

Aug. 9 / Ice Cream Social under the shelter

Aug. 30 / Labor Day Weekend Entertainment

Sep. 20 / Fall Rummage Sale

Oct. 11 / Halloween Weekend

Oct. 18 / Year End Pitch-In for Campers

...and MORE!

NOW OFFERING WIFI!

White River Campground is surrounded by other nearby county parks known for their unique offerings and amenities, as well. Adjacent Strawtown Koteewi Park (SKP), featuring the Taylor Center of Natural History (TCNH), and Potter's Bridge Park (PBP), where the historic Potter's Covered Bridge is located, offer added opportunities to expand your getaway options, at no additional cost! Locations, events and programming provided at these and other county parks can be found throughout this *Chatterbox Leisure Guide*.

Beach Bash

Beaches, sunbathing and fun are the perfect combination for summertime! Our annual Beach Bash is a fun way to enjoy summer. Activities include great music, games and tons of fun in the sun!

Dates: Wednesday, July 16

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: Free – but limited to the first 200 to arrive

Location: MPB



Osprey Pointe Pavilion

Planning a shower, wedding reception, or any other special event? Our indoor rental facility at Morse Park and Beach offers a lodge-like setting and is available for private functions. Osprey Pointe is located on the banks of Morse Reservoir with a scenic view. The facility's seating capacity is 101 people and features a kitchenette and restrooms.

Facility Rental Rate:	\$160.50 for 4 hours
Non-resident Rate:	\$240.75 for 4 hours
Additional Hours:	\$42.80 per hour
Damage Deposit:	\$100
Alcohol Deposit:	\$400

Rental Rates include an on-site security guard and use of all tables and chairs.



Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion

Looking for a beautiful and serene location to hold your upcoming wedding and reception? The Coxhall Gardens Centerpiece and Cripe Pavilion are now ready to rent for weddings, wedding receptions, and any other special event you may have on your calendar. Rental is available from April through October.

For more information and to rent this facility, please call **Ritz Charles** at 317-846-9158 or visit ritzcharles.com



Park Shelters

Looking for a place to have a picnic and enjoy your summer? Our affordable picnic shelters are a perfect place to have a get-together! Shelter rental is available from May 1st until September 30th.

- Shelter rentals are for all-day use.
- No refunds
- Cash, check, money order, VISA or Mastercard only

Please call 317-770-4400 for rental info.

Cool Creek Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelters A,B,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

Geist Park	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelter	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}

- Grill located at each shelter.
- Shelters hold approximately 50 people.

Morse Park and Beach	Shelter Size	County Resident	Non-County Resident
Shelters A,C,D	20' x 30'	\$50 ^{+tax}	\$80 ^{+tax}
Shelter B	30' x 40'	\$100 ^{+tax}	\$140 ^{+tax}

- Grill located at each shelter
- Shelters A,C,D hold approx. 50 people.
- Shelter B holds approx. 100 people.



Location: MacGregor Park,
21107 East SR 38, Westfield, IN

Thanks to these sponsors
that have supported this fun
and competitive county-wide
competition:



WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

If you'd like to assist at this
popular community event
that will take place on
Saturday, August 23,
please call 317-774-2509 or email
volunteer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.



ADA Notice: Hamilton County, will upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in Hamilton County's public meetings. For special accommodations for a meeting contact the ADA Facilities Coordinator/Safety & Risk Manager at (317-770-1976) or dan.papineau@hamiltoncounty.in.gov at least two (2) business days prior to the scheduled meeting or event to request an accommodation. Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is committed to accommodating all individuals with special needs. If assistance is required at any county park event, program or facility, please contact the Administrative Office in advance at 317-770-4400.

KEY

Su – Sunday
M – Monday
Tu – Tuesday
W – Wednesday
Th – Thursday
F – Friday
Sa – Saturday

Calendar

July

- Tu **1** a. Free Nature Program (Squirrels) - 10am, 12pm, 2pm - CCNC
b. Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **2** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - TCNH
b. Free Nature Program (Creek Stomp) - 10am, 12pm, 2pm - CCNC
c. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- Th **3** Free Nature Program (Bees and Wasps) - 10am, 12pm, 2pm - CCNC
- F **4** Independence Day - Facilities Closed
- Sa **5** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
b. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **6** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- W **9** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- F **11** Concert - ESB - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **12** a. Nesting Bird Hike - 8:30am - SKP
b. Collection ID - 10am - TCNH/SKP
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
d. Native Games and Skills - 1pm - TCNH
- Su **13** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
b. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCP
- Tu **15** Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **16** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Beach Bash - 11am - MPB
c. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- Th **17** a. Preschool Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
b. Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
- F **18** Concert - My Yellow Rickshaw - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **19** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
b. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **20** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Ask a Fur Trader - 1pm - TCNH/SKP
c. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
- W **23** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP
- Th **24** Tour the Coxhall Mansion - 10am - CHG
- Sa **26** Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
- Su **27** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
- W **30** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Campfire Program - 7pm - CCP

August

- Sa **2** Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
- Su **3** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- Tu **5** Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **6** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - TCNH
- F **8** P.J. Rama - 7pm - CCNC
- Sa **9** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
b. Make Your Own Rain Barrel - 11am - TCNH/SKP
c. Vintage Vehicle Expo - 12pm - CCP
d. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **10** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
b. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCP
- W **13** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **14** Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
- Sa **16** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
b. Canning 101 - 1pm - TCNH
- Su **17** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
- Tu **19** Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **20** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **21** Preschool Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
- Sa **23** a. Indiana Young Birders Conference 8am - CCNC
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
c. Harvesting and Seed Saving 11am - TCNH
d. Race Across Hamilton County - MacGregor Park
- Su **24** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
- Tu **26** Tour the Coxhall Mansion - 5pm - CHG
- W **27** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Where are the Butterflies - 7pm - CCP
- Th **28** Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCP
- Sa **30** a. Migration Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
c. Family Fun Times - WRCCG
- Su **31** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP



The park staff will occasionally take pictures of participants at our parks, programs, and special events. Photos may be used in future publications or online for marketing purposes. If you do not want your picture taken, please inform the photographer.

September

- M **1** Labor Day - Facilities Closed
- Tu **2** A River Runs Through Us: exhibit opens - CCNC
- W **3** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - TCNH
- Th **4** Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
- F **5** P.J. Rama - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **6** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Prehistoric Earth and Fire Pottery Workshop - 10am - TCNH
c. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
d. Migration Hike - 4pm - PBP
- Su **7** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Concert in the Centerpiece - 5pm - CHG
- Tu **9** Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **10** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **11** a. Preschool Gathering - 10:30am - CCP
b. Home-school Hike - 1:00pm - CCP
- Sa **13** a. Migratory Bird Hike- 8am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11 am - TCNH/SKP
c. Prehistoric Earth and Fire Pottery Workshop - 1pm - TCNH
- Su **14** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - SKP
c. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCP
d. Concerts in the Centerpiece - 5pm - CHG
- Tu **16** Archaeology Month Begins - SKP
(T - Sa thru 9/27) - SKP
- W **17** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Sa **20** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Koteewi Days - 10am - SKP
c. Native Fishing Tools and Techniques - 12:30pm - TCNH
d. Fall Rummage Sale - WRCG
- Su **21** Concerts in the Centerpiece - 5pm - CHG
- W **24** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Tour the Coxhall Mansion - 10am - CHG
- Sa **27** a. Migratory Bird Hike - 8am - CCP
b. Koteewi Days - 10am - SKP
c. Nut Harvest and Processing - 12:30pm - TCNH
d. Twilight Trail Run & Walk - 5:30pm - SKP
- Su **28** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Concerts in the Centerpiece - 5pm - CHG

October

- W **1** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - TCNH
- F **3** P.J. Rama - 7pm - CCP
- Sa **4** a. Potter's Bridge Fall Festival - 11am - PBP
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
c. Fall Colors Hike - 1pm - PBP
- Su **5** a. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
b. Concerts in the Centerpiece - 5pm - CHG
c. Hoe Down at Coxhall Corral - 4:30pm - CHG
- M **6** Fall Exhibit Begins - 10am - CCNC
- W **8** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **9** Preschool Gathering - 10:30 - CCNC
- Sa **11** a. Community Seed Day - 11am - CCP/CCNC
b. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
c. Wildflower Hike - 11am - CCP
d. Costume Swap - 1pm - CCNC
e. Very Very Cold Case Files - 1pm - TCNH
f. Family Fun Times - WRCG
- Su **12** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
c. Family Nature Club - 3pm - CCNC
- W **15** Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
- Th **16** a. Children's Garden Tour - 11am - CHG
b. Home-school Hike - 1pm - CCNC
- Sa **18** a. Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
b. Costume Swap - 1pm - CCNC
c. Fall Fruits & Leaves - 1pm - TCNH
d. Spooky Stories - 7pm - TCNH
e. Family Fun Times - WRCG
- Su **19** Enclosure Tour - 2pm - TCNH/SKP
- Tu **21** Storytime - 11am - CCNC
- W **22** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Fall's Fruits & Leaves - 1pm - TCNH
- Tu **23** a. Snakehead Ed Program - 1pm - CCNC
b. Tour the Coxhall Mansion - 5pm - CHG
- F **24** Animalia Program - 1pm - CCNC
- Sa **25** Enclosure Tour - 11am - TCNH/SKP
- Su **26** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Enclosure Tour - 2pm - CCP
- Tu **28** a. Trick-or-Treat Trail - 6pm - CCP
b. Haunted Trails - 7pm - CCP
- W **29** a. Beginning Bird Hike - 8:30am - CCP
b. Trick-or-Treat Trail - 6pm - CCP
c. Haunted Trails - 7pm - CCP
- Th **30** a. Trick-or-Treat Trail - 6pm - CCP
b. Haunted Trails - 7pm - CCP
- F **31** a. Fall Woodland Wildflower Hike - TBA - CCP
b. Campground closed for season - WRCG

2014

SAVE the DATE

Holly Jolly Jamboree

Come be merry with us as we welcome Mrs. Claus and the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus. The Claus's will be available for pictures throughout the program. Jingle John of Silly Safaris will be presenting his **Animals of the North Pole** program which will include several animals that like the cold weather, including a Reindeer! Crafts and cookies will also be available!

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2014

Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Location: CCNC

Race to the New Year

Start your 2015 New Year's resolution to get in shape at Cool Creek Park! The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department is once again teaming up with Washington Township Parks and Recreation and Westfield Parks and Recreation to stage the 10th annual Race to the New Year 5K Walk and Run. Awards will be presented in numerous categories.

Date: Sat., December 27, 2014

Location: CCNC





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YOU'RE INVITED

HOE DOWN AT COXHALL CORRAL

(Red Barn Area)

LIVE MUSIC/DINNER/SQUARE DANCING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 4:30pm - 8:30pm

\$25.00 PER PERSON Adults Only

Reservations and Information - Coxhallguild.com

Phone-317-846-5980

All proceeds from these special events benefit Friends of Hamilton County Parks in care of the Coxhall Mansion. Please look for additional information in the next issue of The Chatterbox Leisure Guide.

Volunteering for the Hamilton
County Parks and Recreation Department can be a fun and
rewarding experience!

Be a Parks



Volunteer!

Volunteer opportunities include general park upkeep, assisting with special events, helping with gardening, caring for the Nature Center's wildlife friends, greenhouse tending, landscaping, cleaning, socializing, educating and more. You can also check out the programs and events in this issue that offer volunteer opportunities. Look for the symbol.

To volunteer, visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com and click on "Volunteer Opportunities."

Questions? Please call 317-774-2509.

Tour the Coxhall Mansion



Hamilton County Parks is now offering tours of the newly renovated Coxhall Mansion and Museum, located on the stately grounds of Coxhall Gardens. The tours cover the history of the mansion, the grounds and the Cox family, as well as others that played a role in the creation of one of Hamilton County's most prestigious residences. Tours are free, but registration is required. Please call 317-770-4400 for details or if special accommodations are needed.

Dates/ Thursday, July 24 : 10 am-Noon

Times: Tuesday, August 26: 5-7 pm

Wednesday, September 24:

10 am-Noon

Thursday, October 23: 5-7pm

Ages: All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost: Free

Pre-registration: Yes, call 317-770-4400